

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter for one (1) excess independent claims.

Claims 1-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. New claims 17-19 are added to more completely define the invention, and each recites the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Thus, these new claims are allowable. Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejections. There are no prior art rejections.

The claims have been amended in a manner believed fully responsive to the points raised by the Examiner, thereby to pass all of the claims to allowance. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-19, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in

condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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